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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: IRANIAN EMBARGO OF DANISH IMPORTS

REF: COPENHAGEN 0067 AND PREVIOUS

1. FOLLOWING DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT HERE, DCM ASKED DANISH AMBASSADOR MUNK WHETHER IT HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL. MUNK, OBVIOUSLY PLEASED AND RELIEVED, SAID THAT THINGS HAD GONE VERY WELL. WHILE BEGINNING OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S AUDIENCE WITH THE SHAH WAS A BIT COOL, THE ATMOSPHERE BEGAN TO WARM UP AS THINGS WENT ALONG AND CONTINUED TO IMPROVE THROUGH A WORKING LUNCHEON WITH IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER AMOUZEGAR. MUNK SAID THAT HE HAD FELT ALL ALONG THAT IRANIAN-DANISH RELATIONS WERE ON FIRM GROUND AND THAT THE DIFFERENCES THAT HAD DEVELOPED WERE BETWEEN FRIENDS. WHILE HE DID NOT SAY THE EMBARGO HAD BEEN LIFTED, HE APPARENTLY BELIEVES IT WILL BE AND, AS HE PUT IT, "ALL DIFFERENCES HAVE BEEN COMPOSED." MUNK ADDED PARENTHETICALLY THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD NOT RETREATED FROM HIS POSITION THAT THE DANES HAD HANDLED THE IRANIAN STUDENT MATTER PRUDENTLY AND IN THE LONG TERM INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. THE FOREIGN
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MINISTER HAD MADE NO APOLOGIES FOR DANISH ACTIONS AND NO CONCESSION TO THE IRANIAN POSITION THAT THE STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH MORE HARSHLY.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S JOURNEY HERE SEEMS TO HAVE SATISFIED IRAN'S INJURED AMOUR PROPRE AND GIVEN IRAN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BACK OFF FROM WHAT WAS ESSENTIALLY A

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